



Fisherman's Herald
First Sunday of Advent (B) – 29th November 2020
St John Fisher Church
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Part of the R. C. Archdiocese of Southwark Charity No: 1173050
 Fr Matthias Kizito, Fr Francis Nonyelu, Deacon Fred Carter, Deacon Tom Kavanagh
 Parish Office: Closed

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th	Dan & Rosaleen Egan RIP - 10am Leonard & Cecilia Richardson RIP - 6pm
Sunday 29th	People of the Parish - 10am Mr Philip Ideh - 10am
First Sunday of Advent (B)	Baby Adam Collins RIP - 6pm Deceased members of McGrath & Walker Families - 6pm
Monday 30th <i>St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland</i>	Holy Souls - 10am James Doran RIP
Tuesday 1st	Michael O'Brien RIP Anniversary - 10am Finian Murray RIP
Wednesday 2nd	Martin Keaveney - 10am Canon Acton
	The programme of Mass will be as follows if acts of public worship are permitted to resume:
Thursday 3rd <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i> 9am 9:30am-10:30am	Max Pereira <i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i> Francis Gracias - Intentions
Friday 4th <i>First Friday</i> 9am 7:30pm 8:00pm	Margaret Quigley <i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i> Kathleen Houston RIP
Saturday 5th 8am-8:45am 9am 10am-11am 5pm-5:45pm 6pm	First Saturday Devotions Raymond Rogers RIP Confessions (Hall) Confessions (Hall) Allan & Yvonne Vinall
Sunday 6th <i>Second Sunday of Advent (B)</i> 8am 9:30am 11am 6:30pm	Marie Lourde Chedembrun People of the Parish Douglas Desmier - Intentions Steven Street RIP (2nd Anniversary)

Masses:

If acts of public worship are permitted to resume on the 3rd December the program of Masses will return to normal in our Church with daily Mass at 9am.

If not, Fr. Matthias and Fr. Francis will celebrate Mass daily in the church without a congregation and Mass will be live-streamed: daily Masses including Saturday at 10am, Saturday evening Mass at 6pm, and Sunday Masses at 10am and 6pm.

Please visit: <https://www.churchservices.tv/merton>

First Friday Mass:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm on Friday 4th December.

First Saturday Devotions:

Rosary & keeping Our Lady company within Adoration and Benediction on Sat. 5th December, 8am to 8:45am.

Christmas Food Collection: 5/6th December:

Christian Care will be making up parcels for their families. They would really appreciate: Bottle of red grape juice (Schloer), Christmas pudding 454g (non-alcoholic nut-free), chocolate pudding 454g, sweets/chocolates (family pack), tin of Danish biscuits, box of assorted biscuits (family pack), chocolate yule log/cake, tin fruit cocktail, jar of cranberry sauce. See Justice and Peace notice board for more information.

Sister Catherine RIP - 1st Anniversary Mass:

Tuesday 8th December will be the First Anniversary of the death of Sister Catherine. There will be a special memorial Mass on that day at 7:30pm which will be live streamed so that people at home can follow. The presence of a congregation in Church will depend on whether the government has allowed acts of public worship to resume.

Rite of Election - Confirmation Candidates:

The Rite of election for the Confirmation candidates will take place on Sunday 13th December during the 9:30am Mass.

This Mass should be reserved for the Confirmation candidates & their parents.

Christmas Offerings:

Envelopes for Christmas offerings are at the back of the Church. These are your personal gift to the Priests of the Parish, who do not receive a salary and as such rely on Christmas and Easter offerings to supplement any income they receive through Mass stipends and stole fees from funerals, baptisms and rare weddings.

Advent reflections:

Missio (the Justice and Peace Group's charity for the year) is arranging weekly reflections during Advent lasting about 20 minutes each on the following Sunday's Gospel. They will be given by Mill Hill Missionary priests and can be viewed each Friday morning at 10.30 on the Missio YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/MissioUK

Cards for Persecuted Christians:

The Justice and Peace Group again invite parishioners to send a Christmas Card to someone in prison or persecuted for their faith. Cards are available at the back of Church. We provide the cards, address and some information. All you need is the greeting and a stamp. Please do not make any political comment in your card. Please pray for all persecuted Christians.

Confirmation 2020:

Bishop Paul Hendricks will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 19th December during three Masses at 10am, 12noon and 3pm. Please reserve these Masses for Confirmation candidates and their parents. Please note there will be no 9am Mass or confessions that day.

Parish Office / Parish Business:

The parish office is closed until further notice. Please email merton@rcaos.org.uk if you have any questions or call Father Matthias or Father Francis on 020 8542 6355. Emails are checked regularly and any important information is posted on the parish website & the parish facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StJohnFisherParishMerton>

Baptisms:

The Sacrament of Baptism is deferred until after lockdown.

Pastoral Care of the Sick/Sacrament of Anointing:

Please contact the priests if someone needs to be anointed/receive the last rites.

Confessions:

By request only

Holy Communion 2021:

All First Holy Communion classes are postponed until after lockdown.

Church Hall:

The Church Hall is unavailable until further notice.

Help for those who are self-isolating:

If you or anyone you know is self-isolating and needs help with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc then please email the parish office merton@rcaos.org.uk

Hospital:

If you are going into hospital as a patient, and wish to see a chaplain, you will need to ask the hospital staff or a member of your family to arrange for the chaplain to visit you.

Father Philip Pak: ST HELIER'S CHAPLAIN'S number is: 07459 226 823 and 07591 596 656. Catholic Chaplains at ST GEORGE'S, Tooting, their number is: 020 8725 3069 email catholicchaplains@stgeorges.nhs.uk

Weekly Offertory Donations:

Thank you to those parishioners who contribute generously towards the running costs of the Parish. In case anyone wishes to make donations in this regard, please use any of the following 3 ways:

1. Please email merton@rcaos.org.uk for a pledge form
2. Continue to use your weekly gift aid envelopes
3. Donate to our parish justgiving page:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-john-fisher-merton

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.



Prayer for protection in times of pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen. (from Archbishop John Wilson)

School Supplementary Forms: Please contact SJF school for availability regarding nursery and reception class admissions.

NO SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SLIPS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our Parish Primary School is St. John Fisher R. C. Primary and Nursery School, Grand Drive, West Wimbledon, SW20 9NA, Tel:02085402637 Email:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk Web:www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk



Boys & Girls Aged 3-11. Breakfast & After School Club. 30 hours Nursery provision. Head Teacher – Ms Janine Kenna
St. John Fisher RC Primary School is the thriving parish primary school located along Grand Drive. The school motto 'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be' is reflected in all areas of school life. The warm and welcoming atmosphere of the school coupled with skilled and experienced staff offers the very best start in education for pupils, parents and staff. At present, due to safety restrictions, we are not able to welcome you into the school in person, however the link below will take you to our virtual school tour and our staff would be delighted to help with any enquiries you may have.. Please speak to Mrs Aldred or Mrs Powell if you have any questions. Supplementary forms for Nursery should be given into the school by 28th February 2021 and 15th January 2021 for Reception. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=JhTv7ilw3vA&app=desktop>